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## OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

A summary list of coming events of interest. For details, see the OSEEN item (in this or past issues) identified by number in parentheses after each listing:

May 16 - Russian Banquet at Cleveland Heights High School (683)  
17 - OSU Workshop for Secondary Teachers (653)  
May 30 -  
June 1 - International Festival in Dayton (647)

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## LAST CHANCE !

This is the last opportunity to get in your OSEEN items for this year! The next issue - June 5 - is our last till September.

## FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

678. The Institute of International Education has announced its 1976-77 competition for Fulbright-Hays grants for graduate study or research abroad in academic fields and for professional training in the creative and performing arts. Eligibility is generally limited to U.S. citizens holding bachelors' degrees or equivalent. Preference is given to candidates between 20 and 35 years of age who have not had prior opportunity to study abroad. Information and application forms may be obtained from Norma J. Kennedy, OSU Fulbright Advisor, Office of International Programs, Room 352 Administration Building, 422-9136. Her office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 to 5:00, Wednesday 8:30 to 1:00. The deadline date for receipt of applications in her office is 9/15/75.

679. Detailed information is now available for the 1976-77 Senior Fulbright-Hays University Lecturing and Advanced Research Awards. The booklet may be consulted at the office of the OSU Fulbright Advisor, Norma J. Kennedy, Office of International Programs, Room 352 Administration Building, 422-9136. Her office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 to 5:00, Wednesday 8:30 to 1:00. The deadline date for most of the programs is 7/1/75.

680. The National Endowment for the Humanities awards Fellowships for Independent Study and Research to scholars, teachers, and writers of the humanities who have completed their formal academic training. The fellowships provide \$10,000 for 6 months, or \$20,000 for 12 months, to allow time for uninterrupted study and research so that fellows may enlarge their contributions to humanistic thought and further develop their abilities. The scope of NEH support includes: history; philosophy; modern and classical languages; literature; linguistics; archaeology; jurisprudence; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; ethics; comparative religion; and those aspects of the social sciences that employ historical or philosophical approaches. The only deadline for 1976-77 is 6/2/75. Write: NEH, 806 - 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20506.

## LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SEMINAR IN THE USSR

681. College students and high school seniors are invited to register for a one-month Russian Language and Culture Seminar to be held in the Soviet Union this summer under the sponsorship of Edinboro State College, Edinboro, PA.

Carrying six semester-hours of college credit, the cost of the seminar will be \$1,078 plus ESC tuition. This includes round trip transatlantic air fare via Finnair, hotel accommodations, three superb meals a day, tours and excursions, visa fee, U.S. departure tax, all transfers, tips and taxes, and 4 hours of instruction per day for 24 days in the Leningrad area. Full beach and sports facilities are available, plus theatres, ballet, opera, cinema, museums, and art galleries.

To register for this seminar, which lasts from June 12 to July 11, send a \$100 deposit immediately to Dr. Julius M. Blum, Professor of Russian, Edinboro State College, Edinboro, PA, 16444, Telephone: (814) 732-2417. In addition, send a check for \$186 (\$31 per credit) to Mr. Ralph Berlin, Director of Summer Sessions, Edinboro State College, along with a request for a Summer Sessions catalogue and an application for admission to RL 392 - 393, Russian Language and Culture Seminar in the USSR, regular summer session.

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## INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED RUSSIAN STUDIES ESTABLISHED

Russian studies in the United States, in which impressive strengths in scholarship have been developed in the period since World War II, are now in trouble. The reasons lie partly in the falling off of material support that has affected many other branches of American scholarship, partly in a certain decline of interest occasioned, at least to some extent, by the passing of the high point of the Cold War and of the abnormal stimulus which the attendant tensions and apprehensions gave to work in this field. The result is that there is scarcely any level of activity in Russian studies, from the initial language training to the most sophisticated research, that is today not faced with, or threatened by, a decline in scope and vigor.

The implications of this trend, from the standpoint of the country at large, are serious. Whatever the future course of its relations with Russia, this country is going to require a strong corps of academically-trained specialists, capable of supporting the many forms of involvement--political, commercial cultural, and military--which now mark the relations of this country with Russia and are bound to mark them increasingly as the years go on. This body of specialized competence cannot be maintained in future years if the scope and quality of advanced research in this field are permitted to decline.

The answer to this problem lies very importantly, of course, in increased support for the programs of Russian study generally, across the country, and particularly for the work of the ten or twelve major centers that are now functioning at various colleges and universities. But there is also a need, clearly recognized by a conference of leading authorities in this field held at Princeton three years ago, for the creation of a single non-academically-based center in Washington, capable of exercising a number of functions in this field of study which none of the existing facilities is in a position to exercise in full measure. Among these services may be mentioned, outstandingly: the facilitating of access by American scholars, for purposes of advanced research, to the unparalleled and still relatively underused resources of the Washington area including those of the Library of Congress, which are the strongest existing anywhere in the Western world; the improvement of liaison between the field as a whole and those many persons in Washington, including the Government, who are the beneficiaries of its activity; the extension of assistance and hospitality to foreign and other visitors to Washington who have interests in this direction; the maintenance of liaison with foreign centers having similar concerns; and the extension of support and encouragement, wherever possible, to the cultivation of Russian studies throughout the country generally, particularly in areas remote from the activity and influence of the major academic centers.

### *Wilson International Center for Scholars to House Institute*

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars finds itself in an exceptionally favorable position to meet these needs. Its association with the Smithsonian Institution; its situation in the heart of Washington, in the old Smithsonian Building; its intermediate position between the world of government and that of private scholarship; its experience in the support and patronage of higher scholarship generally in the Washington area; its ability to cover, in association with the Smithsonian Institution, a high proportion of the overhead costs for work performed under its auspices, and the fortuitous circumstances of the inclusion among the present company of its staff and fellows of several persons who have had long experience and deep interest in this field--all these factors place the Center in a uniquely advantageous position to respond to the needs in question and to make a valuable and enduring contribution in this field.

In recognition of these circumstances, the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars approved, on December 16, 1974, the establishment, as an affiliate of the Center, of a separate institution for Russian studies. While the Center will provide, at least initially, the necessary quarters and a portion of the overhead support for this institution, the latter will look primarily to private sources of support for its regular operational expenses and for the stipends to be paid to scholars working under its auspices. It will have its own advisory boards, both general and academic. It will be called the Institute for Advanced Russian Studies.

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## *Functions and Objectives of the New Institute are Outlined*

The functions of the Institute for Advanced Russian Studies will be:

- (a) to provide a center in the Washington area where advanced research on the history and culture of Russia and the Soviet Union can conveniently and advantageously be pursued over longer periods of time by qualified scholars;
- (b) to promote closer mutual acquaintance and contact between private scholars in this field and those engaged in non-classified research on Russian matters under the auspices of the Government--as well as others in the Washington area who have interest in this direction;
- (c) to provide hospitality and various forms of assistance to foreign and out-of-town visitors who come to Washington in connection with work of this nature;
- (d) to maintain liaison with similar institutions in other countries, including the USSR;
- (e) to give encouragement and support, where possible, to the cultivation of Russian studies throughout the country generally.

The creation of this Institute cannot alone assure in full measure the maintenance of that degree of tone and scope in Russian studies which the interests of the country require. It may confidently be said, however, that unless this initiative can be successfully carried forward, the chance of achieving that objective will be substantially, and perhaps decisively, diminished.

The Institute will begin operations in the early autumn of 1975, at which time the details of a competition for a limited number of senior fellowships will be announced. Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D.C. 20560.

## *Academic Council of the Institute for Advanced Russian Studies*

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The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars was created by the United States Congress as the nation's "living memorial" in honor of Woodrow Wilson. Opened in the fall of 1970, the Wilson Center is a place where scholars from the world of learning and the world of U.S. and international affairs come together for brief or sustained periods to conduct studies of fundamental political, social and intellectual issues designed to illuminate critical contemporary and emerging problems and to suggest means of resolving such problems. The Center's year-round fellowship program accommodates up to forty scholars, approximately half of whom are selected from countries other than the United States. Fellows are chosen from a wide variety of fields and occupations--from academics, law, diplomacy, journalism, business, government, foundations, international organizations, and other professions. Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is James H. Billington. Michael J. Lacey is assistant director.

## SUMMER RUSSIAN STUDY AT KENT STATE

683. Complete one year of Russian in ten weeks at Kent State University this summer. In Summer I (June 23-July 25) the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures will offer eight quarter credit hours of elementary Russian (class meets from 7:45 to 10:40 a.m. daily) followed in Summer II (July 28-August 29) by four quarter credit hours (class meets from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. daily). For further information call Professor Herman K. Doswald, Chairman, (216) 672-2291.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

684. There will be a Russian Banquet sponsored by the Cleveland Heights High School Russian classes on May 16, reports Helen Horwitz. Festivities will include a Russian play, food, and dances. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend, particularly teachers from other Cleveland area schools where Russian banquets for next year are being contemplated. Location: St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights.

685. Edinboro State College is offering eight one-year scholarships for the 1975-76 academic year. Entering freshmen awarded the scholarship will not be required to pay tuition fees during the fall semester 1975 and the spring semester 1976.

Eligible are seniors graduating from public and private high schools. Candidates should present above average academic standing, at least two years of foreign language study (preferably, but not necessarily, in Russian), and a desire to prepare for a career in international trade with particular emphasis on East-West Trade. Financial need is not a consideration for acceptance.

Scholarship winners will enroll at Edinboro State College as Russian Language majors with additional specialization in Business Administration, Accounting, Economics, or Engineering. They will be preparing primarily for careers in business and commerce. Industry is seeking a mix of skills, specifically Russian Language and Area Studies, combined with another specialty such as those enumerated above. On a lesser scale, but increasing in importance, are vocational opportunities in such agencies of the governmental sector as the Department of Commerce and the Department of State.

Questions regarding this program may be directed by mail or telephonically to: Dr. Julius M. Blum, Professor of Russian, Edinboro State College, Edinboro, PA, 16444, Telephone: (814) 732-2417.

686. On May 6, 1975, 396 students of Russian from 15 Ohio high schools came to the campus of The Ohio State University for the annual High School Slavic Day. Besides Columbus, cities represented were Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Fairfield, Marietta, Thornville and Worthington. In a varied program put on by the students themselves, there were dancing groups, singers, instrumentalists, plays, and comedy. Anyone who took black and white pictures of the program and activities

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is asked to send copies of any particularly good shots to Gerard Ervin, CSEES, for possible inclusion in publicity releases about next year's Slavic Day. Slavic Day is jointly sponsored by the CSEES and the OSU Slavic Department, and was organized by Professor Valentine Bolen, Slavic Department, OSU.

## MIDWEST SLAVIC CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

687. More than 500 people attended the sessions and programs of the Midwest Slavic Conference at Cleveland State University, May 1-3. A large majority of those attending were from Ohio, indicating a gratifying interest in Slavic studies in our state. More than 150 of the registered participants came from outside Ohio, representing thirty states, three Canadian provinces, and the Soviet Union. The banquet sponsored by the Slovenian Heritage Foundation on Saturday evening attracted 440 guests and even more attended the program which followed.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

688. The April, 1975 issue of the Modern Language Journal contains two articles of particular interest to OSEEN readers. One is a study of "Foreign Language Teaching in Poland," by W. J. Bancroft; the other is a very readable account of David A. Law's experiences as a teacher at the Volgograd Pedagogical Institute, with many glimpses of student life and faculty relationships at the personal level.

SUMMARY OF MIDWEST SLAVIC CONFERENCE PANEL ENTITLED:  
TEACHING SLAVIC STUDIES IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

This was the second annual meeting of the Secondary Education Panel. The first annual panel took place in Milwaukee and was concerned with the following topics: why teach Slavic studies in the secondary schools, why try to keep an existing program when budget cuts are made, and why try to start a Slavic program.

The second annual meeting took place May 3, 1975, at Cleveland State University. The panel included Robert Carlson, University of Michigan; Marshall Lipman, Roy C. Start High School, Toledo, Ohio; Ronnie VanderVen, Grand Rapids Public Schools; Patrick Alston, Bowling Green State University; William Mathes, Seton Hall University; and Karen Hollo, Strongsville Public Schools.

The basic topics of the panel included: what do high school students want to know, where can resource material be obtained, and teaching methods for Slavic studies.

Several conclusions of the panel were:

1. Students are interested in the daily lives of Soviets
2. Students are interested in the dating, love and marriage habits of Soviets
3. Students are interested in the events from 1945-1975
4. Students are interested in the censorship program of the Soviet Union

However, the panel agreed that teachers should not cater to all the preferences that students may have. These conclusions act as a start to capture the interest of the students, but should not be the only topics discussed.

Resource material may be obtained at Slavic Centers such as at the University of Michigan and The Ohio State University. Book lists, film lists, and special handouts are available for teachers. It must be emphasized that teachers should also contribute to the Centers by submitting ideas and handouts to the Centers for others to use.

Teaching methods to encourage greater interest in Slavic studies include:

1. Scrapbooks of magazine and newspaper articles
2. Russian cooking
3. Making Russian Easter eggs
4. Singing songs
5. Comparisons between Soviet and U.S. rock 'n roll
6. Guest speakers
7. Learning Russian dances
8. Role-playing
9. Cassette tapes
10. Greater use of media
11. Films
12. Simulation games
13. Attending an Orthodox church service
14. Attending Russian "camps"

Greater secondary participation at such conferences and workshops is important in order for ideas and materials to be circulated. Help us to help you. Actively participate.

Karen Lea Hollo, Chairperson

Note: Ms. Hollo will be on the program this coming fall at the first Secondary Teachers' Workshop for the school year 1975-76.